

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:
  - a memory that stores a job including image data output from an image processing terminal and an image processing setting;
  - an image processing component that performs predetermined image processing to the job stored in the memory;
  - a job connection component that sets connection information for connecting plural jobs and a print setting condition of a connected job when the jobs stored in the memory are selected and generation of the connected job is instructed,
  - wherein the connection information does not comprise real image data but relates to processing of the image data that has been stored;
  - a display component that displays the connection information without generating real image data of the connected job; and
  - a print process execution component that executes a print process of the connected job based on the connection information and the print setting condition set by the job connection component,
  - wherein the job connection component includes information designated by a user as to whether ~~or not~~ an original print job corresponding to the respective one of the plurality of jobs should be deleted from ~~or retained~~ in the memory and whether the connected job should be stored in the memory, when the jobs stored in the memory are selected and generation of the connected job is ~~instructed~~ instructed, and

a warning is generated if the user designates to delete the respective one of the plurality of jobs from the memory when the user designates not to store the connected job in the memory.

2. (Original) The image processing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the job connection component stores the connection information and the print setting condition as a connected job in the memory.

3. (Original) The image processing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a generation component that generates image data of the connected job based on the image data of the plurality of selected jobs.

4. (Original) The image processing apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a deleting component that deletes the plural selected jobs from the memory.

5. (Original) The image processing apparatus of claim 3 further comprising a deleting editing component that deletes a selected job from the connected job generated by the generation component and stored in the memory.

6. (Original) The image processing apparatus of claim 3 further comprising an addition editing component that adds a new job to the connected job generated by the generation component and stored in the memory.

7. (Original) The image processing apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a storage component that stores the image processing setting for the preset connected job as a common setting,

wherein the job connection component selects the common setting stored in the storage component as an image processing setting of the connected job.

8. (Original) The image processing apparatus of claim 7, wherein the common setting stored in the storage component includes common setting items, which are applied to the plural jobs to be connected.

9. (Original) The image processing apparatus of claim 1, wherein, when a password is set for a selected job stored in the memory, and, when a password which coincides with the set password is input, the job connection component sets the job as a job to be connected.

10. (Original) The image processing apparatus of claim 9, wherein, when the selected job includes a job for which a password is set, the job connection component sets a password for the generated connected job.

11. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

- a memory that stores a print job including image data output from an image processing terminal and a print setting condition;
- an image processing component that performs predetermined image processing to the print job stored in the memory;
- a print job connection component that sets connection information for connecting plural print jobs and a print setting condition of a connected job by selecting the print jobs stored in the memory and instructing generation of the connected job,
- wherein the connection information does not comprise real image data but relates to processing of the image data that has been stored;
- a display component that displays the connection information without generating real image data of the connected job; and
- a print process execution component that executes a print process of the connected job on based on the connection information and the print setting condition set by the print job connection component,
- wherein the print job connection component includes information designated by a user as to whether ~~or not~~ an original print job corresponding to the respective one of the plurality of jobs should be deleted from ~~or retained~~ in the memory and whether the connected

job should be stored in the memory, when the jobs stored in the memory are selected and generation of the connected job is ~~instructed~~-instructed, and

a warning is generated if the user designates to delete the respective one of the plurality of jobs from the memory when the user designates not to store the connected job in the memory.

12. (Original) The image forming apparatus of claim 11, wherein the print job connection component stores the connection information and the print setting condition as a connected job in the memory.

13. (Original) The image forming apparatus of claim 11 further comprising a generation component that generates image data of the connected job based on the image data of the plurality of selected print jobs.

14. (Original) The image forming apparatus of claim 11 further comprising a deleting component that deletes the plurality of selected print jobs from the memory.

15. (Original) The image forming apparatus of claim 13 further comprising a deleting editing component that deletes a selected print job from the connected job generated by the generation component and stored in the memory.

16. (Original) The image forming apparatus of claim 13 further comprising an addition editing component that adds a new print job to the connected job generated by the generation component and stored in the memory.

17. (Original) The image forming apparatus of claim 11 further comprising a storage component that stores the image processing setting for the preset connected job as a common setting,

wherein the print job connection component selects the common setting stored in the storage component as an image processing setting of the connected job.

18. (Original) The image forming apparatus of claim 17, wherein the common setting stored in the storage component includes common setting items which are applied to the plural print jobs to be connected.

19. (Original) The image forming apparatus of claim 11, wherein, when a password is set for a selected print job stored in the memory, and, when a password which coincides with the set password is input, the print job connection component sets the print job as a print job to be connected.

20. (Original) The image forming apparatus of claim 19, wherein, when the selected print job includes a print job for which a password is set, the print job connection component sets a password for the generated connected job.